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A.—The question is not under the consideration of the Government. The Government recently examined the question and found that no substantial benefit would result from any change of practice. It was therefore decided to drop the matter.

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao :—" May I know whether Government is still insisting on the preparation of the provisional demand account by the karnams ? "

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell :—" I must ask for notice of the question."

Annual supply of stationery to village headmen and karnams.

* 183 *Q.*—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether any and if so what stationery is supplied annually to village headmen and karnams and on what scale ?

A.—The articles of stationery supplied to the village officers and the scale of supply are as follows :—

Articles.	Scale. Headman.	Scale. Karnam.	
Penholders	1	1	(biennial).
Nibs	6	6	(annual).
Pencils (black lead)	...	1	(annual).
Blank paper	According to requirements.		

Mr. K. Koti Reddi :—" May I know why village headmen are not supplied with these articles of stationery ? "

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell :—" I will consider the question."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—" May I know what is the arrangement for the distribution of stationery to the village officers ? Do they take the articles from the taluk office or the articles are sent otherwise ? "

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell :—" My impression is that they take them from the taluk office."

Mr. C. Ramasomayajulu :—" May I ask the hon. Member whether the Government know that this supply is absolutely inadequate for the requirements of the karnams ? "

The hon. the President :—" That is asking for an opinion."

Dr. B. S. Mallayya :—" The hon. Member said that they come to the headquarters to take one pen and six nibs May I ask him what is the travelling allowance given to them to travel a distance of 20 miles from their villages for this purpose ? "

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao :—" May I ask the hon. Member whether he knows that in certain places this supply is never made and may I know whether the hon. the Revenue Member is prepared to issue instructions that these things should be properly supplied ? "

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell :—" I am not aware that the supply is not made. If, in any case, the hon. Member finds that the supply is not made, I shall be obliged to him if he can bring such things to my notice."

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Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—" May I know whether one pen is sufficient for the whole year ? "

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" That is asking for an opinion."

Mr. P. ANJANEYULU :—" May I know why along with this sumptuous supply of stationery penknife is not also supplied ? "

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" I just want to know the maximum and minimum limit for these indents ? "

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—" I must ask for notice."

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—" Are these stationery articles Indian made ? "

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—" I must ask for notice."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know from the hon. the Revenue Member whether he will consider it desirable to enhance the rate of this supply of stationery articles ? "

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—" I will consider whether it is adequate or not."

Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo :—" May I know whether Government have consulted these village officers as to whether the supply is sufficient or not ? "

Village Establishment

Servants working under the village headman or the karnam.

*184 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is a practice obtaining in many districts in the province whereby some servants work under either the village headman or the karnam throughout the year and others work under one or the other during specified months of the year ; and

(b) whether in such cases both the headman and the karnam are required to sign the pay bills in token of the regular attendance of the menial staff during the month ?

A.—(a) The village servants are under the control of the village headman and work under the karnam when deputed to do so by the headman. The Government are not aware of the existence of the practice referred to.

(b) The pay bill of the entire establishment of the village is signed by both the headman and the karnam.

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know whether it is not a fact that the police part of the establishment is under the headman and that the other part is under the karnam ? "

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—" I am not aware of the fact."